

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Jim Black has devoted his life to caring and sharing with family and friends, the betterment of his community, and the day-to-day living and loving which makes South Dakota a great state in which to live and work; and,

Whereas, On March 16, 2008, Jim is being honored as the Citizen of the Year for his dedicated service to his community of Yankton, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Jim has devoted himself as chairman of the Building Yankton's Bridge Committee for the past seven years. He has shown unparalleled commitment to planning for the Meridian Bridge transformation into a recreational trail and the construction of the new Discovery Bridge; and,

Whereas, Jim is actively involved with the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota as its treasurer, mentors students through the Kids Hope program, and is known for being an optimist and taking good care of his family; and,

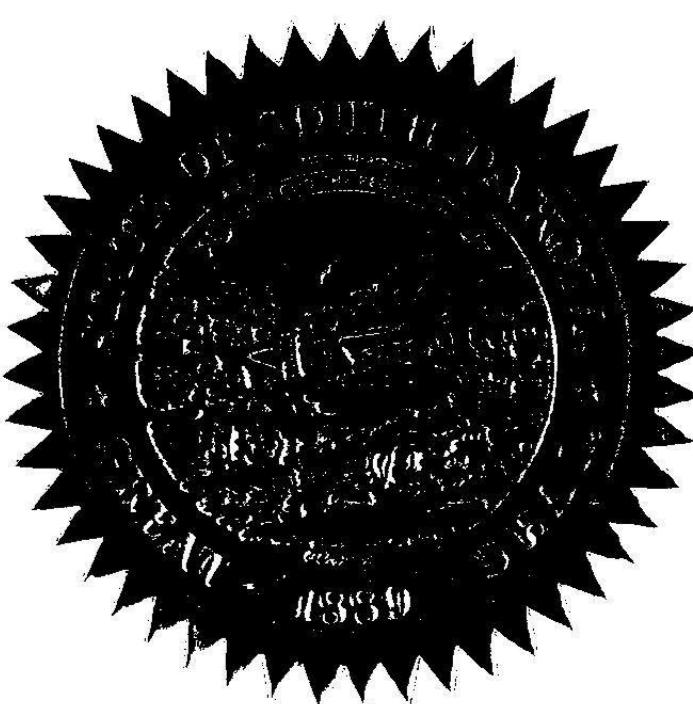
Whereas, Jim's genuine concern for anyone who benefits from his service is evident on a daily basis and are especially pleased that he is being publicly acknowledged today, recognizing this amazing man and his outstanding contributions:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 16, 2008, as

JIM BLACK DAY

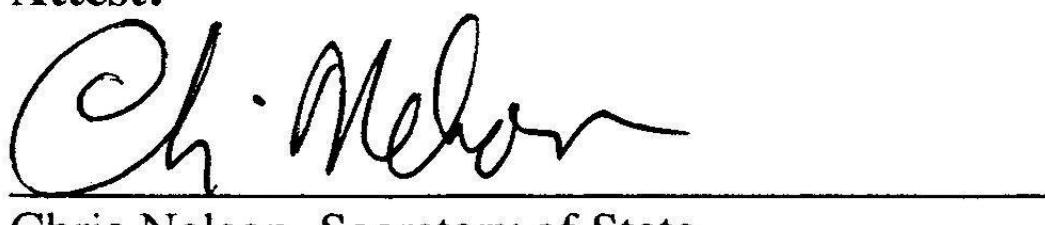
in South Dakota, and I join his wife, Barbara, and his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and his many friends, the sponsors of the Citizen of the Year program, and the Yankton community in wishing him a fulfilling day as we honor him as Yankton's 2008 Citizen of the Year.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State